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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : David A. Edwards and Jeffrey S. Hrkach  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office action of August 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.